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For: **CRYSTALLINE VENLAFAXINE BASE AND
NOVEL POLYMORPHS OF VENLAFAXINE
HYDROCHLORIDE, PROCESSES FOR
PREPARING THEREOF**

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows prior to issuing an
Official Action on the merits:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 76 as follows:

B1 76. (Amended) A process for preparing vanlafaxine hydrochloride Form I comprising the
steps of:

- a) preparing a mixture of venlafaxine in isopropanol; and
- b) exposing the mixture in gaseous hydrochloric acid.

Please add the following new claims 81-94: